

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 8 is allowed over prior art of record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Zhou (US 7222074) discloses a method of selecting an acoustic model for a voice command application executing on a voice command platform in that said voice command platform supporting a plurality of acoustic models, for use with the plurality of voice command applications, comprising: providing a machine readable storage medium in the voice command platform storing instructions comprising a voice command application hosted by the voice command platform, said instructions including instructions selecting a particular acoustic model from said plurality of acoustic models for use by the application (*the operation of figure 2, the processor of the system inherently includes instructions to select appropriate acoustic model(s) for use by the speech recognizer a particular psychological state of the user is determined. So, in any situation, the processor of the system instructs the recognizer which acoustic model to use*). Zhou fails to specifically disclose the steps of providing said voice command application with a Voice Extensible Markup Language (VXML) root document having metadata commands for specifying a particular acoustic model from said plurality of acoustic models; and selecting said specified particular acoustic model for use by said voice command application. Furthermore, it would have not been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Zhou in order to obtain the claimed invention. Therefore, claim 8 is allowed over prior art of record.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUYEN X. VO whose telephone number is (571)272-7631. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

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